

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually via video conference.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Good Evening and welcome to the virtual meeting of the Frederick County Council. Today is Tuesday, October 20, 2020, and it is a legislative day for the County Council.

The Frederick County Council is continuing to conduct our meetings on-line during this time and it seems this may be the way we will be holding our meetings for the foreseeable future due to concerns about the spread of the COVID virus.

Our meetings are televised on Frederick County Government Channel 19, on Frederick County Government's website: www.FrederickCountyMD.Gov/FCGTV, and while we are meeting virtually, we will continue to use our software program which allows the public to watch and participate in our meetings. Please go to www.frederickcountymd.gov/councilmeetings in order to watch us on that format.

You may still send us comments via email at: (Councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov), or by calling our office line (301) 600-1135 and leaving a voicemail message. Or using our virtual format, you may call toll free 855-925-2801 and enter meeting code 8365 to listen to our meetings live and to give public comment. I will be giving instructions for how to give public comment before each portion of our meeting when public comment will be received. As always, all comments received will be reflected in the minutes.

As a reminder during these virtual meetings, I will periodically stop to allow the members to ask any questions in a round robin type fashion, calling the council members by name to make sure the public is aware of which member has the floor.

As a continued caution to our Council Members – Please be respectful of each other's time and wait to be recognized before you begin to speak. Remember the microphone issue and please limit your questions to one at a time. I will come back around as often as necessary until all questions are heard.

To begin our meeting, I will start with a roll call vote to determine a quorum. Just

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respond with “here”. Again, going in alphabetical order: CM Blue, Dacey, Donald, Fitzwater, Hagen, and McKay. A quorum having been established, we will begin our meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- Bryan Haines
- Jim Jameson

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

J-21-082 – Emergency Communications, Emergency Management Division

J-21-086 – Emergency Preparedness, Emergency Management Division

J-21-088 – Senior Services Division

J-21-091 – Sheriff’s Office

J-21-092 – Sheriff’s Office

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-21-082, J-21-086, J-21-088, J-21-091, and J-21-092 as presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		

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District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Approval of Minutes from September 29, October 6, and October 13, 2020.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes from September 29, October 6, and October 13, 2020 with the minutes from September 29, 2020 reflecting Council Vice President Michael Blue as presiding officer in the voting record. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to the Frederick County Boards and Commissions

Joyce Grossnickle, Administrative Officer, briefed the Council on the Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Social Services Board

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Kerri Burson and Patrick Hammet to the Social Services Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

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New Programs Supported by the Recordation Tax

Rick Harcum, Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the County Executive, Christine Kay, Division Director, Citizens Services Division, Kimberly Golden Brant, Director, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division and Helen Propheeter, Executive Director, Office of Economic Development, Office of the County Executive, provided information to the Council on the New Programs Supported by the Recordation Tax.

As the time was 7:00 p.m., the Council then postponed the rest of the agenda items to follow the advertised bill hearing.

Public Hearing:

To Consider Bill No. 20-16 – Use of the School Construction Fee Option in Certain Circumstances to Encourage Completion of Construction of that Development

Mike Wilkins, Director, Department of Development Review & Planning, Planning & Permitting Division, provided information on the Proposed Bill No. 20-16 - Use of the School Construction Fee Option in Certain Circumstances to Encourage Completion of Construction of that Development.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Michael Perez

The Council took a break from 7:50 p.m. to 8:00 p.m, and finalized the workshop discussion regarding new programs supported by the Recordation Tax.

Public Hearing on Revised Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement on Behalf of Sharpe Square and Transmittal of Resolution to County Council

Milton Bailey, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development, Citizens Services Division, presented information to the Council for the Public Hearing on Revised Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement on Behalf of Sharpe Square and Transmittal of Resolution to County Council.

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve and adopt the Resolution to

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Authorize the County Executive to sign the Amendment as presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Potential Veto Override of Amended Impact Fee Technical Bill 20-12

Council Member Phil Dacey moved to Override the Veto of the Amended Impact Fee Technical Bill 20-12. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that failed 4-3.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald		X	
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue		X	
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer		X	

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council